

Financial Services
Mrs. Judith M. Marte, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: AWARD ITB NO. ITB-15-007-CV – REFRIGERANT GASES

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION

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Procurement Management Services, at the request of the Office of School Facilities, released the above-referenced solicitation. The purpose of this Invitation to Bid is to establish a pool of pre-approved vendors to purchase refrigerant gases for Miami-Dade County Public Schools Maintenance Department. This is a term bid which states that the Board may purchase quantities, as may be needed, but is not obligated to purchase any guaranteed amount. This Invitation to Bid was advertised on the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Procurement Management Services' website, the DemandStar website, Bid Net, Florida Bid, the Miami Times and El Diario Las Americas newspapers, as well as emailed to 12 potential bidders.

The initial term of the bid shall be for a two (2) year period, commencing January 13, 2016 through January 12, 2018, and may, by mutual agreement between The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the successful bidders, be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods.

Strategies were employed to increase SBE/MBE participation, however during the Goal Setting Committee meeting, the recommendation for this solicitation was to be open, not sheltered, as a large number of SBE/MBE vendors were not identified, within the commodity code(s). Based on the criteria listed in the solicitation, five (5) vendors are qualified and are being recommended for award. The five vendors are as follows: Airgas Refrigerants, Inc., American Refrigerants, Inc., Coolgas, Inc., D.B.A. A-Gas Americas, RTR Suppliers, Inc., and Southeast Florida Parts, Inc., D.B.A. Johnstone Supply. All vendors have completed business with the District in the past.

Fund Source
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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, **AWARD** Bid No. ITB-15-007-CV – REFRIGERANT GASES, to establish a pool of pre-approved vendors, to purchase refrigerant gases for The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with an effective date of January 13, 2016 through January 12, 2018, including extensions thereto, as follows:

1. AIRGAS REFRIGERANTS, INC.
38-18 33 STREET
LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101
OWNER: JAY KESTENBAUM, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

2. AMERICAN REFRIGERANTS, INC
6441 19TH STREET EAST, BUILDING C
SARASOTA, FL 34243
OWNER: WAYNE MURRAY, PRESIDENT

3. COOLGAS, INC.
D.B.A. A-GAS AMERICAS
30045 FM 2978
MAGNOLIA, TEXAS 77354
OWNER: JASON CRAWFORD, PRESIDENT

4. RTR SUPPLIERS, INC.
6124 HANGING MOSS ROAD, SUITE 360
ORLANDO, FL 32807
OWNER: RICHARD KOWALSKI, PRESIDENT

5. SOUTHEAST FLORIDA PARTS, INC.
D.B.A. JOHNSTONE SUPPLY
5620 N. W. 12TH AVENUE
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33309
OWNER: ORAL L. GOBLE, PRESIDENT

Authorize Procurement Management Services to purchase up to the total estimated amount of \$600,000, for the initial contract term, and an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for each subsequent one (1) year extension period(s). Board authorization of this recommendation does not mean the amount shown will be expended.

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